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ELECTION AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on April 16, 2002. Applicants hereby **elect Group II** (Claims 7-14, 23, 24, 25 (in part), and 26-28 drawn to screening methods for a candidate modulator which is a natural or synthetic peptide, or polypeptide), with traverse, for prosecution on the merits.

Amendment

~~Please cancel claim 25.~~

Remarks

As per the Examiner's suggestion to Applicants by telephone on September 12, 2002, Applicants hereby cancel claim 25 which recites that a candidate modulator of the invention can be selected from the group consisting of a natural or synthetic peptide, a polypeptide, an antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof, a lipid, a carbohydrate, a nucleic acid, and a small organic molecule.